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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: IHC and IHC/SS

1. References are your note of 26 July attached to Don [REDACTED] memorandum of 25 July to [REDACTED] subject as above, and my memorandum to General Allen of 27 July in which I proposed that the IHC/SS and the functions of the IHC be transferred to PRG.

2. I disagree with the proposals contained in Don's memorandum.

a. His proposal in paragraph 6. b. would establish the IHC/SS as the Intelligence Processing Group on the IC Staff, which would give it co-equal status with CCG, PEG and PRG. I still consider the IHC/SS should be a branch within the PRG. The phrase "intelligence processing" has a connotation considerably wider than the role the IHC has had, and I would prefer to use the title as Information Handling Branch, which would, in effect, carry on the title of the IHC.

b. The approved level of personnel for IHC/SS is [REDACTED] as noted in paragraph 2 of Don's memorandum. I consider the present staffing of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] augmented by [REDACTED] should be adequate to handle the problem, including the tasks previously assigned to the seven subcommittees of the IHC.

3. It should be noted that the Survey Task Group Report on reorganization of the USIB committees recommends that the IHC be disestablished and its functions and permanent personnel transferred

to the IC Staff. During the 15-month period ending in March 1973, the IHC averaged one meeting per month and subcommittee sessions averaged fewer than two per month.

4. If the concept of assigning the IHC/SS to PRG is approved, I will submit terms of reference for the proposed Information Handling Branch which are more specific and more directly related to the IC mission than those set forth in paragraph 8 of Don's memorandum.



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